



Veterans Training Summit – Pacific District

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

12:00pm-5:00pm	Registration open
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Opening Ceremonies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley • Post Colors – Nez Perce Tribe Color Guard • Invocation – Tribal Elder • Greetings Host Tribe: Mary Jane Miles, Chairperson, Nez Perce Tribe
1:15pm – 1:30pm	OTGR Updates and Goals for Meeting – Terry Bentley
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Update/Welcome from the Administrator Idaho State DVA – David Brasuell
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Update/Welcome from Director Spokane VA Medical Center – Ron Johnson
2:00pm – 2:15pm	Update/Welcome from the Director VBA Idaho Regional Office – Kathryn Malin
2:15pm – 2:30pm	Break – Snacks provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
2:30pm – 3:15pm	Veteran 101 / VA Benefits Overview – Bill Heyob, Program Manager, Office of Veterans Advocacy, Idaho Division of Veterans Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Veteran?; What is county, state and federal VA? • What are the differences and how do they connect? • What are service-connected Veterans? • What are non-service connected pension benefits?
3:15pm – 4:15pm	Veteran Survivor Benefits / Memorial Affairs Benefits – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Dependency Indemnity Compensation? • What is death pension? • What are burial benefits?
4:15pm - 4:45pm	VA Home Loans / Native American Direct Loan Program - TBD
4:45pm – 5:00pm	Wrap Up for Day



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Thursday, June 15, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am	Registration open
7:30am	Breakfast - provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
8:15am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley
8:15am – 9:00am	Social Security Administration (SSA) – Overview of Benefits – TBD
9:15am – 9:45am	Representing the Claimant – TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why and how do I protect and share information? • What is a Power of Attorney in the VA? • What does the new Final Rule for TVR's mean?
9:45am – 10:15am	Hearing Loss Benefits (Audiology) through VA – Dr. Ronda Kasper-Braithwait, Chief Audiology Service, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC And Bill Heyob – How VA service connects for hearing loss/tinnitus
10:15am – 10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:00am	Developing the Medical Evidence – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the legal standards for private records, letters, statements, etc. • Resources for establishing medical evidence
11:00am – 11:30am	Low Vision Program – Kelly Golden, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
11:30am – 12:00pm	Home Care Program – Bret Efforting, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch – provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program Quilts of Valor Presentation & Bret Bowers Update
1:00pm – 2:00pm	VA Decisions – Bill Heyob <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABC's of VA Decisions • Do I NOD or go get additional evidence?
2:00pm – 3:00pm	SAMHSA & Tribal Behavioral Health – David Dickinson, Regional Administrator, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services (SAMHSA)
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break
3:15pm – 3:45pm	Understanding VA Eligibility and Healthcare Benefits – Bennett "Tray" Taylor, VA Enrollment & Eligibility, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the priority groups? • What is the Choice Program?
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Services of Vet Centers – what do they offer - TBD
4:15pm – 4:45pm	Checking in on what we have learned – Q&A – Terry Bentley



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Friday, June 16, 2017 – Clearwater River Casino, Lewiston, Idaho

7:30am	Breakfast - provided by Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program
8:00am	Introduction of Guest Speakers/Moderator: Mary Taylor & Terry Bentley
8:15am-8:45am	Women Veteran Benefits – Julie Liss, Women Veteran Coordinator, Mann-Grandstaff VAMC
8:45am-9:15am	HUD/VASH Program – Stephanie Rosebrook/Serena Hinders HUD- VASH, Mann-Grandstaff VA
9:15am–9:30am	Unanswered Questions – Terry Bentley
9:30am–9:45am	Training Certificates/Challenge Coins – Terry Bentley/Mary Taylor
9:45am	Retire Flags / Adjourn / Safe Travels
	Chief Joseph Memorial Day Powwow - June 16, 17, 18 at the Lapwai Community Center



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